

Prashier City La Mar 10th / 1883

Dear Mother

I rec^d your
very kind letter of the 15th of
last month about a week ago
and was very glad to hear
from you. I should have
answered it before but I have
not been feeling very well for
a week past. You need not
think that I am sick for I am
not I have been troubled
with a bad diarrhea for a
spell but am getting better.
there is a great many troubled in
the same way now its the effects
of the bad water we have to

used the water we have to use
here ~~generally~~ generally & rain
water it is very good and
healthy it is different from
the rain water north the
tanks that it is caught in
makes it a great deal better
but there has been a spell
of dry weather and the
and the tanks have all run
dry so we have to drink
the water from the Bay
which is very muddy and bad
we hope it will rain in a
few days so as to fill up the
tanks. The next day after I got
your letter we received the box you
sent so long ago I wish you
could have seen it. it was most all
spoilt the can of butter you put
in melted and run
all over everything Harisons
shirts were damped all over with

grease but was not spilt the
preserves were not hurt the dried
apples & tobacco were all right
we got enough to get a taste
of home. Garrison is out stirring
some of the apples for supper
now. the boys have ^{been} building a
large brick oven to day & the
cooks are baking biscuit for supper.
I dont expect they will ~~be~~ as
good as ~~they~~ they would be if
they were made at home and
we were there to eat them. but
I guess we can eat them under
the circumstances. "We draw flour
now instead of bread."

Yesterday we had the pleasure
of seeing some Lem^{and}ville boys
that are in the 176th Reg^t. they were
Hank Button. Ben Bates. Dan
Reggolds Tom Hwey and a
number of boys from brookfield
It looked like home to see Button

around he makes a first rate
soldier and likes it very well
~~too~~, he cant get no whiskey here
he says he has not had any since
he left New York.

Uncle Sam. had a letter from John
Wheeler yesterday he talks as if he
thought the war would close
in the course of two or three
months well I dont know
but it will I hope so. but
I cant see anything that ~~looks~~
~~that~~ ^{looks that} way now in this country
at present we are still lying idel
get doing nothing but drill. if
they do anything here this spring
it has got to be done soon or it
they cant do it at all till fall
I had rather do my part now
and go home than to stay here
through the summer. We have not
been paid off yet but expect to get
it in a few days have you got
the checks that we sent

Uncle Sam sends his best Respect
to you and father give my Love
to all.

From Your Affection Son
J. F. Brand